## Dear Lawmakers,

I am writing to express my support for HB 7218 and HB 7223. As a mother, psychologist and citizen I am alarmed by our nations limited action in the face of the alarming numbers of deaths related to firearms. These bills, if passed, will send a strong message to gun owners regarding how their guns are stored without limiting their ability to responsibly own them. I am also in strong support of HB 7219 and SB 60. It is tragic to watch families suffer from the aftereffects of needless gun deaths.

Thank-you for your support.

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This message comes from a concerned mom, a pediatrician and dear friend of the Song family from Guilford, CT. I strongly support so that all gun owners will think twice before leaving a weapon unsecured and able to get into the wrong hands. No family should have to grieve the loss of their child, let alone one so preventable. Please pass these laws so that gun owners can be held accountable if their actions are careless.

I also strongly support for the very obvious reasons that they were conceived.

I don't believe any of these laws tread on anyone's second amendment rights. I believe these laws are simply going to keep people safer. We need to act on information that we have and make improvements where we can. Motor vehicles cause far fewer deaths thanks to the invention of seatbelts and airbags and the enforcement of wearing seatbelts and speed limits. The medical industry is constantly putting new safety measures in place to limit injuries and deaths. Death and injury by gun violence has been on the rise and I believe these bills can help improve that concerning trend.